

Workingmen's Houses,
Patrick Burke House
205 South Locust Street
Dubuque
Dubuque County
Iowa

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Site Location: 205 South Locust Street
Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa
DOT designation: Resource Site No. 2.15
Cadastral grid : SE1/4 SE1/4 S25 T89N R2E
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'
UTM coordinates: 15.691800.4706440
Lot dimensions : 47.5'x 161' : .18 acre
Lot description: Lot 1 of Stout's Dubuque
Subdivision of Mineral Lot 53

Present Owner: Iowa Department of Transportation
Present Usage: vacant
Present Condition : fair / poor

Overall Dimensions: 1-1/2-story main block: 16'7"x 29'7"; 1-story side
addition: 12'11"x 21'5".

Orientation : east

Architectural Plan type : rectangular, 1-1/2 story, with 1-story offset
Description : ell to north of main block.

Foundation: parged stone perimeter walls.
Structure : wood frame
Ext. walls: brick-pattern asphalt siding over wood beveled
siding.

Roofs : moderately pitched, asphalt shingled front-end
gable on main block; flat composition roof on
1-story side ell addition; hipped canopy over
ell entrance on the front; hipped roof over
front bay window.

Chimneys : (recent) brick exterior chimney on rear.
Dormers : none

Windows : 1/1 double hung paired on northeast front and
2nd floor, southeast side; 6/6 double hung on
second floor rear of main block, triple banked
1/1 double hung on first floor, front of ell;
plain casings, slip sills.

Openings : 9-light side door with 4-light storm; main
block 8-light door with storm on front of side
addition; plain casings and enframements.

Porches : concrete patio at intersection of main block
and ell with recently added waist-high brick
walls.

Details : front slanted bay with fibreglas awning under
projecting asphalt-shingled roof; balustrade
above ell; hipped roof garage attached to ell.

Construction Date : 1868

Architecture style: Open gabled cottage

Physical History : Platted in November 1857, Stout's Dubuque was a subdivision of Mineral Lot 53 on the southern fringe of the city, consisting of ten residential lots on both sides of Southern Avenue (now South Locust Street). Its namesake developer, lumber merchant Henry L. Stout, sold Lots 1 and 2 to early Dubuque real estate dealer Richard Bonson for \$500 a month after the platting. Bonson reportedly built this 1-1/2-story frame house and four others along Southern Avenue for speculation the following year. In December 1870 he sold Lot 1 to laborer Patrick Burke. In 1876 Burke quit claimed the house to Catherine Hafey [Heffley]. Hafey - and later her daughter - occupied the house until the late 1940s. Erdwig Schenk then owned the property until 1981. In 1984 the property was acquired by the Iowa Department of Transportation for demolition. The building has undergone extensive modifications throughout its extended occupation, including: construction of an offset 1-story rear wing and attached rear shed prior to 1879, subsequent demolition of this wing by 1891 and later construction of a side addition, sheathing the roof with asphalt shingles and the exterior walls with asphalt siding, construction of a slanted bay window, and construction of an attached 1-story garage, in addition to several changes of interior finish and configuration. These alterations have rendered the original structure unrecognizable.

Significance: One of the earliest of the houses along this section of Southern Avenue, the Patrick Burke House is a representative, albeit greatly altered, example of the workingmen's houses built along Southern Avenue in the 1870s.

References: Dubuque City Directories: 1857 - 1970.
Sanborn Insurance Maps: 1879, 1884, 1891, 1909, 1972.
Dubuque County Assessment Record: 3-24-2-38.
Iowa Department of Transportation, "Draft Environmental Impact Statement - Cultural Resources Assessment."
Land Title Abstract (located at Iowa Department of Transportation, Ames Iowa).

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